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Dear Orio-

You may have heard of a new US/Italy Science Cooperation Program. Berkeley has already initiated a connection with LIGB, along the lines of joint graduate study. The NSF is also looking for additional projects, and it would be very advantageous if we could set up one for Stanford/Pavia in Genetics & Molecular Biology, more along the lines of senior exchange, such as we have already been doing.

Time is of the essence, and the first step should be an authentication of your interest via Cagliotti/CNR. Could you consult with Adriane about possible steps to take? (I have no doubt whatever of the mutual interest in such an arrangement!) I would of course have written to Luca first, but he is, I assume, away in Africa and might be difficult to reach.

Walter Bodmer has called my attention to these possibilities, having consulted with Herman Lewis at NSF.

Naturally, it would be one of the usmeful results of a grant under these arrangements to facilitate your own return for another visit as we discussed.

To save time, and alert him, I am sending a copy of this direct to Adriano too.

Call me on my private line, station-to-station, if it will facilitate the arrangements.

In a rush,

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CC: Buzzatti-Traverso

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